



GATE Quarterly

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Mission Statement:
Recognize and nurture the development of exceptional abilities so that all gifted students demonstrate positive self-esteem, high-level thinking, and creative productivity.

From our GATE family to yours, we wish you a wonderful Spring Break filled with quality family time!

FOURTH QUARTER DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, April 21st
GATE Fundraiser at Mugs

Tuesday, April 24th
4th grade field trip
Jeep Tour

Thursday, April 26th
District Science Fair

Tuesday, May 1st
5th grade field trip
Wolf Sanctuary

May 8th
Poetry Night at CCHS-6:00

May 15th
8th Grade- Ropes Course

May 24th
CCHS Graduation @ 6:30

What is Working Memory?

- Working memory refers to how we hold on to and work with information stored in short-term memory.
 - Kids use working memory to learn and follow directions.
 - Working-memory boosters can be built into your child's daily life.

Does your child have a hard time keeping one bit of information in mind while he's doing something else? For example, if he's helping make spaghetti and the phone rings, does he forget he needs to go back and keep stirring the sauce? If he often has trouble with such tasks, he might have working memory issues.

Working memory refers to the manipulation of information that short-term memory stores. (In the past, the term "working memory" was used interchangeably with the term "short-term memory.") It's a skill kids use to learn. It's needed for tasks like following multi-step directions or solving a math problem in your head.

You can help your child improve this executive function by building some working memory boosters into his daily life. These activities can be found on the following website:

<https://www.understood.org/en/school-learning/learning-at-home/homework-study-skills/8-working-memory-boosters>

Our GATE students will be working on memorization and recitation in our upcoming poetry unit. We hope to see you at our poetry night in May!

Spring vacation is a time for families to recharge and get ready for the home stretch of the school year. Here are some activities you could try over break.

1. **Play games outdoors**
2. **Plant a garden**
3. **Have a fun family picnic**
4. **Take a family trip**
5. **Tour Canon City and surrounding areas**
6. **Make some spring crafts**
7. **Decorate Easter eggs and cookies**

<https://www.verywellfamily.com/spring-break-activities-630471>

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Your child should have brought home a note about our annual GATE breakfast fundraiser at Mugs. Please plan to join us!

April 21st

7-10 am

At far left: Middle School Gate students enjoyed their field trip to the Cave of the Winds where they got to go on the spooky Lantern Tour.

Below: Mr. Carter took High School GATE students on an overnight college field trip where they were able to visit four different colleges! What an awesome experience!



Middle School GATE students outside on their Cave of the Winds field trip.



High school GATE students toured Colorado State University. Please come support GATE at our annual fundraiser on April 21st at Mugs!

Friend us on Facebook to see other neat lessons and activities happening in the GATE classrooms.